

West Sussex County Council

Urgent Action

The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council.

Decision Title	Changes to the Constitution: June 2020
Officer responsible for Decision	Tony Kershaw - Director of Law and Assurance
Committee	County Council
Decision published	24 June 2020
Electoral Divisions	
Purpose	<p>There is a need to make further changes to the Constitution to cover proposals for the first virtual meeting of the full Council to be held on 17 July 2020.</p> <p>It is proposed that Section 11 of Standing Orders, which covers the conduct of meetings under the Coronavirus Virtual Meetings Regulations, is amended by the addition of bespoke arrangements for the full Council meeting on 17 July. These will both set out the nature of the business to be considered and also aim to better manage the reduced time, ensuring that as many members as possible who wish to speak may do so.</p> <p>The proposal was endorsed by the Governance Committee on 22 June 2020. The Chairman of the Council was consulted on this urgent decision and the decision was authorised by the Director of Law and Assurance in accordance with Standing Order 3.45.</p>
Decision	That the draft changes to Section 11 Standing Orders to cover for arrangements for the virtual meeting of the full Council on 17 July 2020 be approved.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
Reason for urgency	The urgency of this matter is due to the need for preparations to be made for the proposed Council meeting on 17 July 2020 and to tailor both content of the agenda and the way in which items are debated to fit the restraints caused by the current public health emergency.
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Background Papers	See report for details